

# Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

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# Collaborative Programs Serving Families

- Promoting Safe & Stable Families – Time Limited Family Reunification Program (PSSF-TLFR)
- Access to Substance Abuse Services for High Risk Parents & Caregivers Project (SA Access)
- Family Dependency Drug Court (FDDC)
- CalWORKs



# Promoting Safe and Stable Families

## Time Limited Family Reunification Program

- Time-Limited Family Reunification Services:
  - Provided to families with a DCFS case where children have been removed from parental custody for 15 months or less
  - Parents and/or caretakers have been directed to enter substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services as a part of their family reunification plan



# PSSF-TLFR Results:

## **For fiscal year 2011-2012:**

- 982 assessments conducted
- 814 participants were referred to treatment by Community Assessment Service Center
- Of these, 549 participants showed for treatment, and 194 completed treatment



# Access to Substance Abuse Services for High Risk Parents and Caregivers Project (SA Access)

- Collaboration between DPH-SAPC, DCFS, and First 5 LA
- 3 Year, \$15 million project
- Target population is parents/caregivers of children 0-5 and pregnant women with open DCFS case



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# SA Access

- Co-located Substance Abuse Navigator at 19 DCFS Regional Offices
  - Active Linkage and Follow-up
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment services (SBIRT)
- 14 Perinatal treatment providers (Residential, Day Care Habilitative, and Outpatient)

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# SBIRT

- SBIRT is an integrated public health approach to the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of substance use disorders.
- Substance use is a major risk factor for disease and injury.
- Utilizes universal screening for substance use to distinguish among three categories: Those who abstain or have low-risk substance use patterns, those who are at risk of developing an SUD or other health consequences from their risky level of substance use, and those who already have a diagnosable SUD



# SBIRT: Core Clinical Components

- **Screening:** Very brief screening that identifies substance related problems
- **Brief Intervention:** Raises awareness of risks and motivates client toward acknowledgement of problem
- **Brief Treatment:** Cognitive behavioral work with clients who acknowledge risks and are seeking help
- **Referral:** Referral of those with more serious addictions



# SA Access Procedures

Case opened by  
DCFS  
(court or voluntary)

CSW refers  
parent to SA  
Navigator

SA Navigator completes  
the Alcohol Smoking  
Substance Involvement  
Screening Test (ASSIST)

Referred for  
assessment  
and/or  
treatment, as  
indicated

Warm handoff to  
treatment &  
ancillary services  
(mental health, primary  
health care)

Tracking &  
follow up

# SA Access Results

- Over 2,000 parents/caregivers screened by SA Navigator since program inception
- Ongoing cross-training between DCFS staff and SA Navigators
- UCLA conducting evaluation, to include lessons on collaborative projects



# Family Dependency Drug Court (FDDC)

- Established in 2006
- Serves parents with an SUD that have an open case with DCFS under the supervision of Juvenile Dependency Court
- Provides 12 months of SUD treatment for parent(s) while efforts are made for family reunification



# FDDC Program

- Treatment modalities include: Residential, Outpatient, and Alcohol and Drug Free Living Centers
- Treatment Requirements:
  - Case Management
  - Treatment Planning
  - Alcohol and Drug testing
  - Treatment



# FDDC Results

## **In Fiscal Year 2012-2013:**

- 71 participant's completed the FDDC program
- 91 children were reunified with their parents
- 136 participants were awarded visitation rights
- 5 out 7 (71%) babies were born drug free



# California Work Responsibility to KIDs (CalWORKs) Program

- Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) program is a part of CalWORKs that provides Welfare to Work (WtW) or employment related services
- Specialized Supportive Services component of GAIN, which provides SUD and mental health services was implemented in 1998



# CalWORKs GAIN

- All CalWORKs WtW participants with SUD are eligible
- Clinical assessments determine if substance use treatment services are needed and the level and intensity of services
- 6 – 18 months of treatment is provided based on need



# Affordable Care Act

As of January 1, 2014 Medi-Cal includes:

## Expanded Population

- Up to 138% of FPL
- Single without children

## Enhanced SUD Benefit

- Outpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Residential Treatment
- Hospital Detoxification
- Narcotic Treatment Program

